cover actual expenses. Special attention should be bestowed about the recruitment of constables. Only educated persons should be recruited as constables. A few officers of the department should be deputed to Scotland Yard to be trained in detective work.

The Malayala Brahmins were inadequately represented in the public service. They formed a separate and distinct community, but their claims for representation in the public service were ignored. There were many qualified young men in the community who had tried in vain to enter Government service.

They were not also properly represented in the Legislative Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. There was only one member in the Council representing the *Jenmies* as well as the Malayala Brahmins. There should be at least two members in the Council to represent them. There were four members in the Assembly to represent the *Jenmies*. But owing to the absence of electors in Trivandrum Division, Group 1, only 3 members were annually returned. The two groups of the Trivandrum Division should be combined and two members given to it.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishnaru, the irregularities pointed out by you in the administration of civil justice will be brought to the notice of the High Court; and the High Court will be asked to take steps to stop them.

The raising of pay is not a subject to be brought forward at this moment; but, you may be sure that Government will do their best to consider the question when times are better.

C.I. The future of the Special School at Kulakada is under consideration at the moment.

The number of Police Stations and officers will not be reduced except for good reasons and without due regard to efficiency.

Representation in the Assembly and in the Council is a matter which will have to be revised in the near future.

In regard to the representation of your community in public service, equal opportunities are given to them as to others; and the Recruitment Committee will consider your case also in its report.

185. Measures for safeguarding the interest of the minorities in the Travancore Legislative Council.

MR. PARAMESVARAN TUPPAN NAMPUTIRI (*Jenmies, Kottayam Division*) said that besides the major communities of Nayars, Christians and Mahomedans, there were many minor communities who numbered less than a hundred thousand such as Malayala Brahmins, Variars, Moottatus, Elayatus, Nambiars, Tampans, etc. Though these communities were sufficiently advanced in education and there were many qualified men among them, they were inadequately represented in the public service and in the representative institutions of the State. Even if adult suffrage was introduced the members of these communities would not be able to return their own candidates by election from the general constituencies.

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It had been stated, in reply to an earlier representation urging the necessity for recruiting the Magistrates from the Bar, that there were qualified hands in the clerical staff to be appointed as Magistrates and that it would be a great hardship to them to deprive them of their legitimate promotion. The criterion for the appointment should be not whether a particular person was in service as a clerk or was a vakil, but whether he was efficient to discharge the duties attached to the post. A service examination on the model of the Indian Civil Service should be instituted and persons passing at examination should be recruited. Even the members of the minority communities would then get their share of appointments.

The Malayala Brahmins had a respresentative in the Legislative Council, as they came under the category of *Jenmies*. But the other minority communities had no representation at all. A representative institution should have representatives from all the communities in the State. Since the minority communities could not return their own members from the general constituencies special electorates should be constituted for them. The practice of nominating members was not satisfactory and it did not adequately meet the requirements of the minority communities. There were only 50 members in the Legislative Council, including the 15 official members. With this limited number of members it would not be possible to allot seats for all the minority communities. The number of members should therefore be increased by 15 to remedy this defect. It would also be desirable to reduce the number of constituencies and to permit more than one member to be returned from each constituency.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Tuppan Namputiri, the representation of minorities in the Council and in the public service is a problem and we had many allusions to it in the Assembly. A satisfactory solution is difficult to find. Your suggestions in regard to the Council will be considered when its constitution is revised and I hope that the Recruitment Committee will be able to satisfy you with regard to your representation in public service.

The question of promoting clerks as Magistrates has, I think, already come up. If that branch of promotion is taken away from them, it will be a great hardship. And I can see no reason to depart from the present procedure.

186. Administrative reforms.

MR. R. RAMASWAMI (*Nominated*) first suggested the desirability of imparting industrial and vocational instruction, such as soap and candle making, ink manufacture, weaving, book-binding, book-keeping, typewriting and shorthand in schools. The present day education was too literary to be of any practical use to the students in their after life.

Primary education up to the fourth standard should be made compulsory. Parents who did not send their children up to a certain age to schools should be punished.

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